
was very much needed. The services of a new teacher having been secured, the pupils in attendance are now making fair progress. These Indians had not a successful harvest.

On the Lake St. Martin reserve (proper) school matters are not in a satisfactory condition, which is mainly attributable to the want of proper accommodation. The Indians have promised, however, to erect the walls of a school house, which, being done, the Department will complete and furnish the building. The gardens on their reserve are well fenced, but these Indians live principally on fish.

At Fairford the Indians have under crop about thirty-six acres. They own a large number of cattle and horses. There are two excellent schools in operation on the reserve, and the progress of the pupils is very satisfactory.

The nine bands last described are included in the Lake Manitoba Agency. The population of these bands is one thousand two hundred and fifty-five. They occupy two hundred and sixty-two houses, own eighty-eight barns and stables, have ninety-two acres under tillage, eighteen and three-quarter acres of which were broken for the first time this year. They raised five thousand and fourteen and a half bushels of produce, and cut eight hundred and eighteen tons of hay; and the value of the fish and furs captured by them is estimated at \$12,911.

The Indians of the Black River reserve, on the south-east shore of Lake Winnipeg, obtain a subsistence by working at the saw mills, and from the sale of fish captured in the waters of the lake. They attend fairly well to their gardens.

There is a school in operation on the reserve, and it is hoped that at an early date better school accommodation than that at present had will be provided. The Indians have promised to complete a building which has been partially erected for the purpose.

On the Hollow Water River reserve not much has been done in the agricultural line by the Indians. They subsist to a large extent on fish, which are abundant in the vicinity of the reserve, and they likewise obtain employment at a saw mill adjacent to the same. A school house was erected during the past year on the reserve, and a school is now in operation.

The band occupying the reserve at Loon Straits are maintaining their character for industry. They met with a serious loss in the destruction, by fire, of a quantity of good wood. The fire occurred while the Indians were burning brush in clearing land for cultivation.

The Indians owning the reserve at Blood Vein River for the most part hunt fur-bearing animals, and live on game and fish. It was hoped at one time that they were about to settle upon their reserve, but the indications of their doing so are not now so apparent.